

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended by changing the word "having" in the preamble to "comprising."

Claim 4 has been amended to clarify the language indicating that the claim is written in multiple dependent format.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

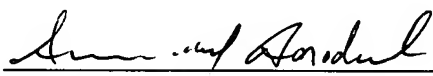
Claims 11-16 have been added and correspond to the multiple dependencies deleted by the amendment to claim 7.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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